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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Haiti, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered further the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling also the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Welcoming the presidential elections, which were held in a peaceful environment and observed by the Organization of American States in close coordination with the United Nations, and the peaceful transfer of power from one democratically elected President to another,

Strongly supportive of the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

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Welcoming the success of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and the contributions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff to that success,

Welcoming also the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and the United Nations Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and encouraging the International Civilian Mission to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Mission in Haiti and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Paying tribute to the members and staff of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for their contribution in accompanying the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy,

Welcoming the continuous improvement in the situation of human rights in Haiti,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 25 January 1996 1/ and the addendum thereto 2/ on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti,

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the task of verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms and providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti, in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police or the establishment of an impartial judiciary and support for the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

2. Decides to authorize, within existing resources and on the basis of the recommendations of the Secretary-General, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 August 1996, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. Expresses its full support for the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and welcomes the continued effective, timely and complete cooperation between the Mission and the Government of Haiti;

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2/ A/50/861/Add.1.

4. Commends the Haitian authorities on the progress accomplished in the advance of democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti;

5. Pays tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity;

6. Expresses its appreciation to those States participating in the United Nations Mission in Haiti and those that have accompanied the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy;

7. Expresses its confidence that the democratic election of a new President and the peaceful transfer of power from one democratically elected President to another will further strengthen democracy in Haiti;

8. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

9. Commends the cooperation between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in their efforts to promote respect for the rights of all Haitians and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions, including through the promotion and protection of human rights and institution-building;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to support the Government of Haiti as it works towards the national reconstruction and development of Haiti in order to consolidate a climate propitious to the establishment of a lasting democracy and full respect for human rights;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help provide humanitarian aid and meet the development requirements of Haiti;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the work of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti;

13. Decides to keep the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti" under review at its fiftieth session.